V-E DAY COMMEMORATION/Passage

SUBJECT: Expressing the sense of the Senate on the 50th anniversary of V-E Day . . . S. Res. 115. Passage.

ACTION: RESOLUTION AGREED TO, 94-0

SYNOPSIS: S. Res. 115, expressing the sense of the Senate on the 50th anniversary of V-E (Victory in Europe) Day, will resolve that the United States Senate joins with a grateful Nation in expressing its respect and appreciation to the men and women who served in World War II, and their families. Further, the Senate remembers and pays tribute to those Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives for their country.

Those favoring passage contended:

Fifty years ago today the Allied Powers accepted the unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany, formally ending the victorious struggle to contain the horrific evil that had spread across the European continent. That victory came at enormous sacrifice. Of the 16 million Americans who served, 408,000 never returned. This resolution, first and foremost, expresses the Nation's gratitude for the sacrifices and hardships endured by those brave men and women in defense of freedom 50 years ago. It also serves to remind us of the lessons we learned from that war: the United States cannot turn its back on the world; it cannot allow its military readiness to slip in peacetime; despots cannot be appeased; and world security depends on United States' leadership. We hope these lessons will never be forgotten.

No arguments were expressed in opposition to passage.

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